

Peace Weekly Messenger

December 4, 2019

Vision Statement

Bringing Christ to Our World

Mission Statement

*Saved by Grace, Nurtured in Faith, Equipped to Serve:
we are God's hands for others*

Ministers

All Members of Peace Lutheran



2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 4

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
 6:45 p.m. Hymn Sing
 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. S- Anon
 6:00 p.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
 7:00 p.m. Troop 20574
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, December 6

Office Closed
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion

Saturday, December 7

FISH Deliveries
 8:00 a.m. Women's Meet Up
 9:30 a.m. Serve at KARM
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, December 8

Lifting of Silver
 8:45 a.m. Sunday school
 9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
 2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, December 9

Office Closed
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 5:30 p.m. Monday Night Men
 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
 6:00 p.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, December 10

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 9:30 a.m. Men's Book Group
 5:00 p.m. Janet Storm-Barnes Event
 6:00 p.m. Troop 22040

Wednesday, December 11

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
 6:45 p.m. Hymn Sing
 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Serving Sunday
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Worship with Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Anne Hudnall
Lector: Janet Storm-Barnes
Sound: Don Tevault
Ushers: John Burnett, Burt English
Greeters: Kristi Shedden,
 Adele Soucy
Tellers: Jim McLemore, Terry Schuller
Altar Guild: Mary Gage,
 Ginger Tevault
Bread & Wine: Anita Hemmeter
Flowers: Etzlers, for Pete's Birthday

Peace Prayers

Please let the church office know of any changes in the prayers.

Members:

Cassie Barnes (daughter of Tom & Janet), **Margaret Blombach** (church member), **Ernie Dickson** (shut in); **Butch Henderson** (church member); **Ida Jenkins** (shut in); **Dale Kangas** (church member); **Stacy Nelson** (church member), **Noreen Quirand** (shut in), **Evalyn Storm** (church member)

Family & Friends:

Jeff Brig & Vincent and Linda Briguccia (Eileen Zetterberg's sons and daughter-in-law); **Rodney Holloman** (Andrea's husband); **Barb Johnson** (friend of Pr. Norma); **Rick Klukken** (Gary's brother); **Martha Kratts** (Gary's mom) ; **Rebekah Lake** (niece of a friend of Beth English)

Military:

Jon Ackiss (nephew of Bill Larson); **Erik Aderman** (nephew of Allan Ellstrom); **Tarren & David Barrett** (daughter & son-in-law of Janet & Tom Barnes & granddaughter of Bob and Evalyn Storm); **Angela Batastini** (niece of Bill Larson); **Zach and Terra Bennett** (Ginger Tevault's niece & nephew); **Timothy Brig** (grandson of Eileen Zetterberg); **Jeff Smolik** (son of Darlene & John Smolik)

Birthdays

12/6 Tim Hudnall
12/6 Nancy Simon
12/6 Dan Crossley
12/8 Kenton Bachmann

Baptismal Anniversary

12/10 Gary Klukken

ELCA Prayer Ventures

December 4-11

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Pray that we awake each day, putting on Jesus Christ and shining as a light in the world, a brilliant light that shines with good news, love, justice, compassion and peace.

5

Remember in prayer Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) and the other hospitals in East Jerusalem. AVH is owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation and supported by several of its member churches, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pray that our government will restore funding vital to the safe and effective operation of the East Jerusalem hospitals as soon as possible so that patients – especially children, who are particularly at risk – will continue to receive the treatment and care they need.

6

Give thanks for the young people who have served or are currently serving as Young Adults in Global Mission, working alongside our global companions to share the gospel, grow the church, care for people in need and strengthen communities in the name of Christ. Pray that these young adults will inspire others to respond to God's call to ministry and service – locally and globally.

7

When you see an Advent wreath, reflect on the circle of evergreen branches and give thanks for the gift of eternal life we have in Jesus Christ

– the promised Messiah, born for the sake of the world.

8

Pray for clarity and faith in the lifelong baptismal journey for which the Holy Spirit calls, renews and equips us – a journey for the sake of the world.

9

The "Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent" is a public apology offered by our church in the context of the quadricentennial remembrance of slavery in this country. With faith in God's forgiveness and mercy, pray that we will be unconflicted in our repentance, committed to understanding injustice and racism, and bold and persistent in working to end racism and white supremacy wherever they exist, including in the church.

10

Give thanks that we are freed by our faith to serve our neighbor and affect change in our communities, nation and world – change that is grounded in the gospel and God's vision of justice, compassion, healing and peace for all people.

11

Pray that God's righteousness, justice, peace and compassion for the poor and oppressed will flourish in the world, and that we will be bold and persistent in doing God's work together.

DISCIPLESHIP

How Jesus Became God classes will return on December 22.

PSSST! Santa is coming!

No Really! Santa is coming to Peace Lutheran Church! Have you ever wondered what Santa says about the meaning of the REAL meaning of Christmas? Join us on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. to hear what Santa says! Invite your friends and neighbors. Contact Lori Burnett if you have questions.

No Sunday School

Please mark your calendar! There will be no Sunday school on the Sunday after Christmas (December 29). In addition, this is the time of year when the adult education classes take time off. Please check the calendar page in the Messenger or bulletin to see if the Wednesday or Sunday classes will meet.

Pastor Larry's Wednesday Morning Bible Class Resumes January 8

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry will resume on January 8. We invite all former participants of that class, as well as any new participants, to join us in this time of study and fellowship. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes January 8

Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume on January 8. Contact Nancy Simon if you have questions.

OUTREACH

Lifting of Silver

This Sunday is the last Lifting of Silver for this calendar year. We are in good shape to meet our \$1,200 commitment to the ministry of ELCA missionaries, David and Alicia Brondos.

Serve at KARM

Our next opportunity to serve at KARM is this Saturday, December 7! If you can help cook and serve the noon meal at KARM on that day, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. We begin about 9:30 a.m. preparing the meal and then serve it to residents of KARM and others coming into KARM to eat. We are usually finished by 1:00 p.m. and clean up is done for us! This is a very rewarding experience, and we invite everyone to come and "take a turn." Questions? See Donna Ellstrom or Linda McClanahan. WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP. SIGN UP WHEN YOU ARE IN CHURCH TONIGHT!

Non-Food Items for the Pantry

FISH started many decades ago, as a way to meet emergency food needs in our community. More than a decade ago it was decided to spend extra money in the FISH account on non-food items: toilet paper, detergent, etc. If a client has food stamps, these items do not qualify for purchase with the EBT card. Recently the person who had been purchasing and stocking the non-food items retired from that position. The group of churches that stocks the West Knox County FISH Pantry decided that each church would be responsible for providing all, some, or none of the non-food items. Peace hasn't routinely provided any, but a few things have been available on the shelves of the

pantry. If you feel that some non-food items are important to provide to people in need, and if you want to donate an item or two, here is what is needed:

- **laundry detergent in smallest size**
- **dish detergent in smallest size**
- **shampoo in smallest size**
- **feminine hygiene, pads preferred**
- **diapers--no newborn, most needed are sizes 2 and 4**

You can place these items in the labeled basket in the narthex, which will be available through today. Please contact Donna Ellstrom if you have questions.

NURTURE

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, January 7, at 10 a.m., we will discuss *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents as We Age* by Mary Pipher. Looking ahead: February 4, *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

Peace Women's Meet-up

Bring a bag breakfast and join us this Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Women of Peace Christmas Luncheon

The women of Peace traditionally gather for a Christmas luncheon in December. Whether you have come regularly to the meetings of the Women of

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The holiday season is upon us, and as we are focused on our work, we must stop and take inventory of our church staff and the work they do for us. I know we are all so very grateful for their effort and support.

Our physical facility gives us a place to meet and share the good news, and the people who gather within it each week are truly unique. Many volunteer their time, but there are still functions and talents we recognize as vital to our existence. We must have individuals who are trained to perform these duties serving to enrich our experience.

I ask that you take time to think about our staff members. Please pray and thank God for their service and consider how they impact each of us at Peace Lutheran Church.

Here at Peace, it has always been our joy to extend our thanks and blessings with a monetary gift. Please prayerfully consider including a donation toward these gifts in the upcoming offerings. Please make your contribution by December 22, and note "Staff Gifts" on the memo line. The gifts are given to:

- Pastor Norma Johnson
- Pastor Larry Richardson
- Latasha Abbott, *Nursery Attendant*
- Butch Henderson, *Sexton*
- Andrea Holloman, *Administrative Assistant*
- Bernardo Miethe, *Music Director*
- Peggy Ransom, *Accompanist*

Thank you,
Peace Lutheran Church Council

Peace or not, you are invited to the luncheon. This year we will meet at Lulu's Tea Room in Powell, on Clinton Highway near Thress's Nursery, December 17, at 11:30 a.m. Sign up in the hallway. We will arrange carpools so that no one will be left behind. If you want to do so, you may bring an item for a gift bag for a Mobile Meals client. The list of suggested gifts is above the luncheon sign-up. You are not asked to buy enough for a complete gift bag, just an item or maybe two items.

"Soups and Breads" Dinners

Advent is near, and we will have our annual "Soups and Breads" Dinners before our Advent Services on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. The dates are this evening, December 11, and December 18. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we know how many are coming to eat, and how many will be "cooks," how many will be "set-up helpers," and how many will be "clean-up helpers" each Wednesday. We look forward to this time of food and fellowship every Advent, come and be part of it. Contact Linda McClanahan or any member of the Nurture Commission for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

In Case of Emergency

Should a need arise after office hours that requires notifying the congregation, please contact Andrea Holloman by text at 919-429-9108 or email andreholloman@gmail.com. You can also contact Tom Barnes at 865-387-6769 or tnbarnes568@gmail.com.

Come to the Water

Help send neighborhood kids to summer camp by enjoying the *Come to the Water* banquet at Messiah Lutheran Church on Tuesday, December 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Invite family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of delectable dining and delight-filled music - with inspiration by Karen Weekly, co-head coach of UT Lady Vols softball. Tickets are \$30 each (tables of 7 at \$210). Contact Larry Moeller for tickets at Lmoe@risenindeed.com or 865-984-9040 ext 110. See the poster on the bulletin board or contact Pr. Norma or Pr. Larry if you have questions about this event.

Birthdays, Weddings, and Baptismal Anniversaries

We are updating the lists of the Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries and Wedding Anniversaries which appear in the Wednesday Messenger. While doing this, we have discovered that the computer has eaten the lists for March and October. We have some records to partially reconstruct these lists, but know there is missing information. If you celebrate one or more of these events in March and/or October, please let Andrea know, so we can complete the record.

THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."